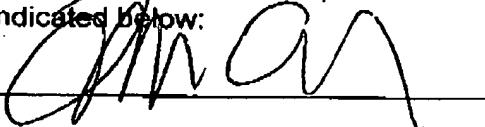


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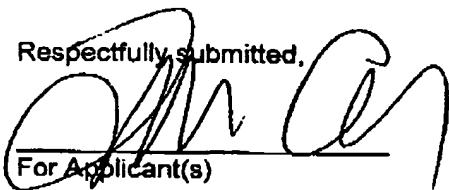
Responsive to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-26, drawn to an apparatus for making optical fiber, classified in class 65, subclass 486, for prosecution at this time, with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date and/or to request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-26 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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